



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Zi-Kui LIU, et al.

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For: BORIDE THIN FILMS ON SILICON

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.